

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 3-5 have been amended. Claim 2, 6, and 7 has been cancelled. Claims 1 and 3-5 are pending and under consideration.

No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the foregoing amendments and is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

In the Office Action at page 2, items 1 and 2, the Examiner rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. The applicants appreciate the Examiner's suggestion regarding a "first accepting portion." Claim 4 has been amended to recite "a first accepting portion that accepts information designating the commodity classification code through an input device." As also stated in the Office Action at page 3, item 4, claim 4 is allowed. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 4 overcomes the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection and is now in allowable condition.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS AND ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

In the Office Action at page 3, item 6, the Examiner objected to claims 2 and 3 as containing allowable subject matter but depending upon a rejected base claim. The limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated into the independent base claim 1. Therefore, amended claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance, and claim 2 is cancelled.

Additionally, since claim 3 depends upon now allowable amended independent claim 1, it is submitted that claim 3 is now also in condition for allowance.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

In the Office Action at pages 2-3, items 3 and 4, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 5, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Smith (U.S. Pat. No. 6,944,618). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested in view of the claims as now pending.

Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled. Independent claim 5 has been amended to correspondingly incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Therefore, amended independent claim 5 should now be in condition for allowance for similar reasons as noted above for amended independent claim 1.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

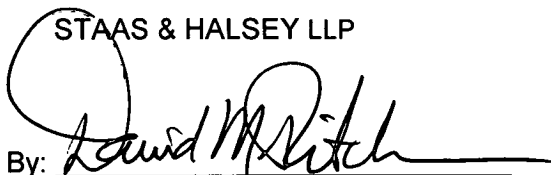
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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